

## JOHNSON TAKEN ILL

Hattie Le Blanc's Chief Counsel Collapses in Court.

HER TRIAL MAY GO ON

Zella Gallant Tells of Prisoner's Statement to Police.

SHE CERTIFIES TO TRANSCRIPT

Major's Stenographer, Emily Bowers, Identifies Notes and Compares Them With Record.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., December 7.—Melvin M. Johnson, chief counsel for Hattie Le Blanc, was taken suddenly ill and collapsed in the courtroom today.

Arrangements were made to send him to Boston in an automobile for treatment by a specialist. It was thought that the trial would go on.

Witness Brought From Canada.

District Attorney John J. Higgins, who has led the prosecution in the trial of Hattie Le Blanc for the murder of Clarence F. Glover, came into the crowded courtroom today with a smile on his face for the first time since the trial began, eleven days ago, for he had succeeded finally in obtaining permission to introduce as evidence the girl's statements made to the police directly after her arrest.

Until the closing hours of the trial yesterday the district attorney had seen a greater part of the essential elements of his case thrown out by the adverse rulings of the court. In addition, there has been an unusual amount of contradictory evidence from his own witnesses.

But he sent several hundred miles, to Prince Edward Island, and brought back Miss Zella Gallant, a French Canadian nurse, who happened to be in Waltham at the time of the murder, and acted as the interpreter for the police in the examination of Miss Le Blanc after the girl had been dragged from under a bed in the Glover house three days after the shooting.

Statement to Police.

With Miss Gallant on the scene, and the approval of the court to her evidence, the minutes of the examination of the defendant at the police station and her statements, which the district attorney has been particularly eager to lay before the jury, were all available when court opened today.

Attorney Johnson, who has battled for his client both before and during the trial, did not seem to be cast down when he came into the courtroom and saw the aggressive as before Judge Bond's adverse ruling to his client yesterday.

Mr. Johnson was reinforced at his table by the French consul in Boston and a French stenographer. Knowing something of the language himself he was quite well prepared to follow Miss Gallant's story. The district attorney also had a French interpreter.

Soon after the opening of court the defense scored its second important victory of the case. Judge Bond ruled that he would exclude from the statements made by the defendant at the Waltham police station the night of the arrest and all portions of the questions and answers which made any reference to the alleged dying declaration of Glover that Hattie had shot him.

Did you? To this question Hattie answered "No."

Miss Gallant's Testimony.

Miss Gallant was the first witness called today. She told in 100 words that she was in the Waltham Hospital Training School for Nurses. She told of being called to the police station on the night of Hattie's arrest to act as interpreter. Hattie, she said, appeared nervous and frightened. She said that she had taken stenographic notes of the questions put to Hattie at the police station and the answers made, which she had compared with the transcript.

Stenographer Verifies Notes.

Miss Emily Bowers, stenographer of Mayor Walker of Waltham, followed Miss Gallant on the stand. She said that she had taken stenographic notes of the questions put to Hattie at the police station and the answers made, which she had compared with the transcript.

She testified that neither promises nor threats had been made to Hattie before the examination began. This was brought out by Mr. Higgins to show that the hearing at the police station did not resemble a so-called "third degree" examination.

Several other witnesses who were at the police station examination followed Miss Bowers. Chief of Police McKenna said that Hattie was not threatened or intimidated, nor was she offered any inducements.

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